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## UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

## FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

FRANK DEGRASSE,

No. 07-15085

Petitioner - Appellant,

D.C. No. CV-03-00341-HDM

v.

MEMORANDUM\*

CRAIG FARWELL; et al.,

Respondents - Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Nevada Howard D. McKibben, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted June 18, 2008\*\*

Before: REINHARDT, LEAVY, and W. FLETCHER, Circuit Judges.

Frank DeGrasse appeals from the district court's judgment denying his 28 U.S.C. § 2254 habeas petition. We have jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2253, and we remand.

<sup>\*</sup> This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

On June 11, 2008, this court received notice that DeGrasse has died.

Accordingly, this petition is now moot. *See Garceau v. Woodford*, 399 F.3d 1101 (9th Cir. 2005). This case is therefore remanded to the district court with instructions to dismiss the petition.

**REMANDED** with instructions.

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